

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of Agricultural and Residential Workgroup Meeting for a TMDL Implementation Plan Chuckatuck and Brewers Creeks City of Suffolk and Isle of Wight County

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will host an agricultural and residential workgroup meeting to discuss water quality improvement plans to be included in the TMDL Implementation Plan for Chuckatuck and Brewers Creeks, located in the City of Suffolk and Isle of Wight County, VA.

The meeting will be held on Thursday June 4, 2015 at 5:30 pm at CE&H Ruritan Hall located at 8881 Eclipse Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and discuss specific best management practices to be included in the implementation plan (IP). IPs are developed to provide clean-up plans that will lead to attainment of water quality standards. Public participation and stakeholder involvement are necessary in order to develop an effective and reasonable IP.

The waters listed for this study were identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the fecal coliform criteria for shellfish waters. The impairments are based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report and subsequent Water Quality Assessment Reports. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount. The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the impairments was approved by EPA in 2010 and is available on DEQ's website:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/shellfish/chuckbrew.pdf>.

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* Additional information is also available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl.